



The **MORE** News

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Listening to Lonergan

Robert Doran

Two Ways of Being Conscious: Revisiting Psychic Conversion

As TMI continues its third year of hosting the **Listening to Lonergan Lecture Series**, we are very excited to announce the participation of Robert M. Doran S.J., our guest scholar for the upcoming discussion on December 10th. Doran is the Professor of Systematic Theology, Marquette University, Wisconsin, and his talk will be on *Two Ways of Being Conscious: Revisiting Psychic Conversion*. A devout and highly-esteemed Lonergan scholar, Doran will offer valuable insight into furthering our understanding of Lonergan systematics. Doran is the General Editor of the *'Collected Works of Bernard Lonergan'* (University of Toronto Press) and a Trustee of the Bernard Lonergan Estate. He recently launched a website to meet the research needs of Lonergan scholars, at www.bernardlonergan.com.

DECEMBER 10, 2011 – LOCATION & TIME: THOMAS MORE INSTITUTE, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

DECEMBER 17, 2011 – DISCUSSION CLASS

LOCATION & TIME: CONCORDIA'S THEOLOGICAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

ADMISSION FEE IS \$5.00 FOR EACH SESSION.

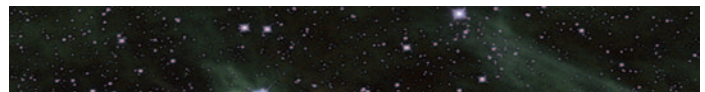
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GIVING "OUTSIDE" THE BOX

Seasonal gift-giving has changed, perhaps in response to global economics, anti-consumerism, or simply because we all have enough "stuff" in our lives. Many families now choose to give their holiday dollars to charities or to get involved as volunteers in the community. Please consider a gift to the Thomas More Institute to support our ongoing fund-raising efforts. As noted in our prospectus, 40% of our annual operating expenses must be covered by donations. May we count on YOU?

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

- THIS YEAR'S TMI OPEN HOUSE & DISCOVERY CAFÉ WELCOMED SOME 200 PEOPLE OVER THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2011. THE POTLUCK TRIO PROVIDED MUSIC FOR GUESTS WHO ATTENDED PRESENTATIONS ABOUT UPCOMING COURSES AND SOCIALIZED WITH DISCUSSION LEADERS AND OTHER VISITORS.



- ON OCTOBER 7, 2011, TMI PRESENTED A SPECIAL SCREENING OF THE HIGH-DEFINITION DOCUMENTARY "JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE" AT THE MONTREAL MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS WITH CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AND CO-WRITER MARY EVELYN TUCKER IN ATTENDANCE. OVER 260 TICKETS TO THE EVENT WERE SOLD. THE SCREENING WAS FOLLOWED BY AN AUDIENCE Q&A WITH TUCKER AND A SMALL RECEPTION.

FEAST OF LIGHTS ANNUAL CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH FROM 3 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD, WINE, MUSIC AND CONVERSATION.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME – FREE ADMISSION.





Gert Morgenstern M.D. C.M.

by Lorrie Beauchamp

Since he was “smitten” over 40 years ago, now-retired child psychiatrist Gert Morgenstern has given his time lovingly to TMI, leading a series called Psychiatry for the Layman. “I was hooked from the beginning,” he said, “The TMI student-oriented approach to learning is unique, and the lively and dynamic discussions have become an incredibly important part of my life.” Serving on the TMI Board of Directors, he is also acting President for the Thomas More Institute of Canada for Research in Adult Liberal Studies.

A graduate of McGill University, Dr. Morgenstern has received an award for his 50 years in the medical profession, beginning with research at the Montreal Children’s Hospital, continuing with five decades of practice at the Douglas Hospital and including an ongoing outreach program for Canada’s aboriginal Cree population. An accomplished singer, Gert often incorporates music into his courses.

Gert felt he had finally found like-minded souls gathered together for all the right reasons. The TMI learning structure – lively and dynamic discussions around a table – lured him in and kept him coming back for more. With a passion for spiritual matters and a devotion to the study of human behaviour, he took on the role of leading a series called Psychiatry for the Layman, which has evolved over the years and become an integral part of the academic calendar.



Workshop Participants - (left to right) : Eileen deNeeve, Fred Lawrence, Sue Lawrence, Thérèse Mason, and Moira Carley. Brian McDonough was also in attendance. Photo by Steve Sims.

38th Annual Lonergan Workshop

Boston College – June 2011

REPORT BY MOIRA CARLEY

Philosophers, theologians, and economists from around the world gathered again this year to pursue their scholarly interest in the work of Bernard Lonergan.

Sue and Fred Lawrence, who were responsible for the program, planned a special commemoration of the friends of the workshop who had died in the past year: Charlotte Tansey and Mel Mason were two of these. In a workshop session Moira Carley spoke of Charlotte’s friendship with Bernard Lonergan as recorded in the TMI book “Caring About Meaning”. Thérèse spoke a few words about her husband Mel. Pictures of both were shown on the screen.

Thérèse and Mel Mason contributed to TMI courses in Montreal until moving to Toronto and founding Discovery Theatre in 1968. Discovery Theatre often uses TMI courses and has designed many of their own. The Masons designed the course and arranged the interviews with TMI directors that were published in TMI Papers as “Inquiry and Attunement”.

The Workshop’s Annual Eucharist was celebrated this year in memory of Charlotte Tansey. Eileen deNeeve spoke of Charlotte’s role in the founding of the Institute with Eric O’Connor and others, and of the courses offered at TMI by Bernard Lonergan in the early days. Thérèse spoke of her many good years of collaboration with Charlotte and its role in her own learning and development. Moira spoke of her gratitude for having been introduced to the work of Lonergan at TMI and of her sharing in the last six years of Charlotte’s life at the Father Dowd Residence.

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